

P24196.P01 <div style="text-align: center;">UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</div> (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))	Attorney Docket No. P24196	Total Pages 	Inventor(s) or Application Identifier Nobumasa SUZUKI, Hiroshi NOHARA, Shinnosuke NAKAHARA, Shigenobu SATO, Kazumasa UYEYAMA, Kazuhiro HASEGAWA, Kazuya ORIBE and Hiroshi TAKAMIDO
ADDRESS TO: Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop Patent Application PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		Title: ROD FIXING APPARATUS FOR VERTEBRA CONNECTING MEMBER	
APPLICATION ELEMENTS	ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS		
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form (Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing) 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. a. <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Statement(s) 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification (preferred arrangement set forth below) [Total Pages <u>12</u>] - Descriptive title of the Invention - Cross References to Related Applications - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix - Background of the Invention - Brief Summary of the Invention - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed) - Detailed Description - Claim(s) - Abstract of the Disclosure 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets <u>5</u>] 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oath or Declaration [Total Pages <u>5</u>] a. <input type="checkbox"/> Newly executed (original or copy) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unexecuted b. <input type="checkbox"/> Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 20 completed) [Note Box 6 below] i. <input type="checkbox"/> DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b). 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 5b is checked) The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76 8. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-Rom or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)	9. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Readable Form (CRF) b. Specification Sequence Listing on: i. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or ii. <input type="checkbox"/> paper c. <input type="checkbox"/> Statements verifying identity of above copies 10. <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)) 11. <input type="checkbox"/> 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney 12. <input type="checkbox"/> English Translation Document (if applicable) 13. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of IDS Citations 14. <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment 15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized) 16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Figure of Drawing to be published <u>2B</u> 17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foreign priority claimed a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim of Priority b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) 18. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignee: <u>Showa Ika Kohgyo Co., Ltd. of Aichi, Japan</u> 19. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Cover Letter Filed Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) & (f).</u> _____ _____ _____ _____		
20. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information: <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Divisional <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior Application No. _____/_____, filed _____. Prior application information: Examiner: _____ Group Art Unit: _____			
21. <input type="checkbox"/> Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: This application is a _____ continuation-in-part, _____ continuation, _____ divisional, of Application No. _____/_____, filed _____.			

Address all future correspondence to **Customer No. 7055** at the present address of:

GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C.
 1950 Roland Clarke Place
 Reston, VA 20191
 (703) 716-1191

9/14/03
 Date

Bruce H. Bernstein
 Signature
 33,329
 Bruce H. Bernstein, Reg. No. 29,027
 Typed or Printed Name

P24196.P02 <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-size: small; margin-right: 5px;">15915 U.S. PRO</div> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> FEE TRANSMITTAL </div>		Complete if Known	
		Application Number	Not Yet Assigned
		Filing Date	Concurrently Herewith
		First Named Inventor	Nobumasa SUZUKI et al.
		Group Art Unit	Unassigned
		Examiner Name	Unassigned
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT		(\$) 375.00	Attorney Docket Number
		P24196	

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)	FEE CALCULATION (continued)																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:</p> <p>Deposit Account Number <u>19-0089</u></p> <p>Deposit Account Name <u>GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C.</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, including any required extension of time fees in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission (37 CFR 1.136(a)(3))</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Charge the Issue Fee Set in 37 CFR 1.18 at the Mailing of the Notice of Allowance, 37 CFR 1.311(b)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant Claims Small Entity Status See 37 CFR 1.27.</p> <p>2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payment Enclosed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> Money Order <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 01/01/03)</p> <p>1. FILING FEE</p> <table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th>Large Fee Code</th> <th>Entity Fee (\$)</th> <th>Small Fee Code</th> <th>Entity Fee (\$)</th> <th>Fee Description</th> <th>Fee Paid</th> </tr> <tr> <td>1001</td> <td>750</td> <td>2001</td> <td>375</td> <td>Utility filing fee</td> <td><u>375.00</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1002</td> <td>330</td> <td>2002</td> <td>165</td> <td>Design filing fee</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1003</td> <td>520</td> <td>2003</td> <td>260</td> <td>Plant filing fee</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1004</td> <td>750</td> <td>2004</td> <td>375</td> <td>Reissue filing fee</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1005</td> <td>160</td> <td>2005</td> <td>80</td> <td>Provisional filing fee</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5" style="text-align: right;">SUBTOTAL (1)</td> <td>(\$)<u>375.00</u></td> </tr> </table> <p>2. CLAIMS</p> <table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th>Total Claims</th> <th>Extra</th> <th>Fee from below</th> <th>Fee Paid</th> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>-20=</td> <td>0 x 18 =</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent Claims</td> <td>2</td> <td>-3=</td> <td>0 x 84 =</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Multiple Dependent Claims</td> <td>0</td> <td>x 280 =</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </table> <table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th>Large Fee Code</th> <th>Entity Fee (\$)</th> <th>Small Fee Code</th> <th>Entity Fee (\$)</th> <th>Fee Description</th> </tr> <tr> <td>1202</td> <td>18</td> <td>2202</td> <td>9</td> <td>Claims in excess of 20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1201</td> <td>84</td> <td>2201</td> <td>42</td> <td>Independent claims in excess of 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1203</td> <td>280</td> <td>2203</td> <td>140</td> <td>Multiple dependent claim</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1204</td> <td>84</td> <td>2204</td> <td>42</td> <td>Reissue independent claims over original patent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1205</td> <td>18</td> <td>2205</td> <td>9</td> <td>Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5" style="text-align: right;">SUBTOTAL (2)</td> <td>(\$)<u>0.00</u></td> </tr> </table>	Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid	1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	<u>375.00</u>	1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee		1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee		1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee		1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee		SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$)<u>375.00</u>	Total Claims	Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid	3	-20=	0 x 18 =	0	Independent Claims	2	-3=	0 x 84 =	Multiple Dependent Claims	0	x 280 =	0	Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3	1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim	1204	84	2204	42	Reissue independent claims over original patent	1205	18	2205	9	Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	SUBTOTAL (2)					(\$)<u>0.00</u>	<p>3. ADDITIONAL FEES</p> <table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th>Large Fee Code</th> <th>Entity Fee (\$)</th> <th>Small Fee Code</th> <th>Entity Fee (\$)</th> <th>Fee Description</th> <th>Fee Paid</th> </tr> <tr> <td>1051</td> <td>130</td> <td>2051</td> <td>65</td> <td>Surcharge - late filing fee or oath</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1052</td> <td>50</td> <td>2052</td> <td>25</td> <td>Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1053</td> <td>130</td> <td>1053</td> <td>130</td> <td>Non-English specification</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1812</td> <td>2,520</td> <td>1812</td> <td>2,520</td> <td>For filing a request for reexamination</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1804</td> <td>920*</td> <td>1804</td> <td>920*</td> <td>Requesting publication of SIR</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Prior to Examiner action</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1805</td> <td>1,840*</td> <td>1805</td> <td>1,840*</td> <td>Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1251</td> <td>110</td> <td>2251</td> <td>55</td> <td>Extension for response within 1st month</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1252</td> <td>410</td> <td>2252</td> <td>205</td> <td>Extension for response within 2nd month</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1253</td> <td>930</td> <td>2253</td> <td>465</td> <td>Extension for response within 3rd month</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1254</td> <td>1,450</td> <td>2254</td> <td>725</td> <td>Extension for response within 4th month</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1255</td> <td>1,970</td> <td>2255</td> <td>985</td> <td>Extension for response within 5th month</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1401</td> <td>320</td> <td>2401</td> <td>160</td> <td>Notice of Appeal</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1402</td> <td>320</td> <td>2402</td> <td>160</td> <td>Filing a brief in support of an appeal</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1403</td> <td>280</td> <td>2403</td> <td>140</td> <td>Request for oral hearing</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1451</td> <td>1,510</td> <td>1451</td> <td>1,510</td> <td>Petition to institute a public use proceeding</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1452</td> <td>110</td> <td>2452</td> <td>55</td> <td>Petition to revive unavoidably abandoned application</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1453</td> <td>1,300</td> <td>2453</td> <td>650</td> <td>Petition to revive unintentionally abandoned application</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1501</td> <td>1,300</td> <td>2501</td> <td>650</td> <td>Utility issue fee (or reissue)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1502</td> <td>470</td> <td>2502</td> <td>235</td> <td>Design issue fee</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1503</td> <td>630</td> <td>2503</td> <td>315</td> <td>Plant issue fee</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1460</td> <td>130</td> <td>1460</td> <td>130</td> <td>Petitions to the Commissioner</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1807</td> <td>50</td> <td>1807</td> <td>50</td> <td>Petitions related to provisional applications</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1806</td> <td>180</td> <td>1806</td> <td>180</td> <td>Submission of IDS</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>8021</td> <td>40</td> <td>8021</td> <td>40</td> <td>Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1809</td> <td>750</td> <td>2809</td> <td>375</td> <td>Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1810</td> <td>750</td> <td>2810</td> <td>375</td> <td>For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1801</td> <td>750</td> <td>2801</td> <td>375</td> <td>Request for Continued Examination (RCE)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1802</td> <td>900</td> <td>1802</td> <td>900</td> <td>Request for expedited examination of a design application</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5">Other fee (specify) _____</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5">Other fee (specify) _____</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5" style="text-align: right;">SUBTOTAL (3)</td> <td>(\$)<u>0.00</u></td> </tr> </table> <p>*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee paid</p>	Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid	1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath		1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet		1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification		1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination		1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR						Prior to Examiner action		1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action		1251	110	2251	55	Extension for response within 1st month		1252	410	2252	205	Extension for response within 2nd month		1253	930	2253	465	Extension for response within 3rd month		1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for response within 4th month		1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for response within 5th month		1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal		1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal		1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing		1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding		1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive unavoidably abandoned application		1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive unintentionally abandoned application		1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)		1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee		1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee		1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner		1807	50	1807	50	Petitions related to provisional applications		1806	180	1806	180	Submission of IDS		8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)		1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))		1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))		1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)		1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application		Other fee (specify) _____						Other fee (specify) _____						SUBTOTAL (3)					(\$)<u>0.00</u>
Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																
1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	<u>375.00</u>																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$)<u>375.00</u>																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																
Total Claims	Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																		
3	-20=	0 x 18 =	0																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																		
Independent Claims	2	-3=	0 x 84 =																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																		
Multiple Dependent Claims	0	x 280 =	0																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																		
Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1204	84	2204	42	Reissue independent claims over original patent																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1205	18	2205	9	Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
SUBTOTAL (2)					(\$)<u>0.00</u>																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																
Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
				Prior to Examiner action																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for response within 1st month																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for response within 2nd month																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for response within 3rd month																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for response within 4th month																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for response within 5th month																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive unavoidably abandoned application																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive unintentionally abandoned application																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1807	50	1807	50	Petitions related to provisional applications																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of IDS																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
Other fee (specify) _____																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
Other fee (specify) _____																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
SUBTOTAL (3)					(\$)<u>0.00</u>																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																

SUBMITTED BY				Complete (if applicable)	
Typed or Printed Name	Bruce H. Bernstein			Reg. Number	29,027
Signature				Deposit Account User ID	

33,329

P24196.P03

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Nobumasa SUZUKI et al.

Serial No : Not Yet Assigned

Filed : Concurrently Herewith

For : VERTEBRA BODY PLATE FOR VERTEBRAL COLUMN FIXING SYSTEM

**COVER LETTER ACCOMPANYING U.S. PATENT APPLICATION
FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) and 1.53(f)**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed is a new patent application for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) and 1.53(f) in which the Declaration and Power of Attorney attached thereto are in unexecuted form. A properly executed Declaration and Power of Attorney will be filed within the time period set forth in the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, unless such time period has been extended by the filing of a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

Related to the above, this application should be associated with Customer Number 7055, which includes the present correspondence address as follows:


GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C.
1950 Roland Clarke Place
Reston, VA 20191

The above-identified application includes:

- 12 pages of specification with abstract.
- 5 sheets of drawings with 8 figures.
- 3 total claims and 2 independent.
- an unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney.

If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
Nobumasa SUZUKI et al.


Bruce H. Bernstein
Reg. No. 29,027

Reg/bb
33,329

September 11, 2003
GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C.
1950 Roland Clarke Place
Reston, VA 20191
(703) 716-1191